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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 23-28 are currently pending in the above application.

Applicants herein acknowledge that the drawings have been deemed acceptable by the Examiner.

Claims 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection with respect to claim 27, which depends from claim 1, not claim 23. Applicants also respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection with respect to claims 23-26 and 28. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, Applicants have withdrawn claims 23-26 and 28. Reconsideration of claim 27 is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ermer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,601). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection for reasons indicated in the previous Response. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 5 and cancelled claim 5 without prejudice. Further, as noted previously, Applicants have withdrawn claims 23-26 and 28. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6-8 and 27 are now allowable. Reconsideration of claims 1-4, 6-8 and 27 is respectfully requested.

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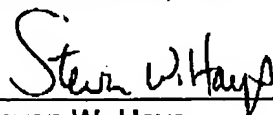
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-8 and 27 are in proper form and allowable over the cited prior art. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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